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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I support broadband competition. As a consumer in San Francisco, it has been difficult to find good, reliable broadband service for years. The major monopolies have been AT&T and Comcast. Throughout the years, there have been other companies entering the business, but abandoned the market due to, most likely, high operating costs/lease of infrastructure (as witnessed by the high package prices). I've been with AT&T DSL and U-verse broadband services, Comcast cable and gigabit broadband services, and none compare in speed, reliability, and customer service as Sonic's, all at a lower price point.

As a government employee that processed and oversaw AT&T's U-verse expansion, I know intimately AT&T's status-quo mindset about its infrastructure and political influence. As a private citizen, I understand the significance of private property and the ability to command market rates. However, as a public utility, AT&T should not be allowed to close the market by effectively raising prices, further keeping its status-quo and suppressing innovation and competition. For example, Sonic has implemented FTTP (fiber-to-the-premise) in San Francisco successfully by placing its distribution boxes on poles that save sidewalk (public right of way) space and creates less of a safety issue; there have been many cases of criminals hiding behind boxes to rob pedestrians. This is compared to AT&T's failed attempt at deploying U-verse (FTTN) and Giga-power (FTTP) in San Francisco, still asserting that the sidewalk utility boxes are the only way it can be deployed. When challenged, AT&T refers to its "grandfather" rights from Pacific Bell.

In addition, San Francisco does not feature other broadband carriers such as Charter/Spectrum, Time Warner, Verizon, etc. due to market agreements.

I urge the FCC to consider and fight for continued support of broadband competition.

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